

require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out**

**HB66**TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89** AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98** CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) (Passed by House) Conference Committee**

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month



**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34**SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36**AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88** SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: Introduced**

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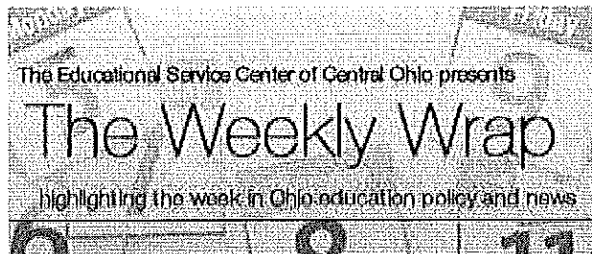
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# **FEATURED ITEMS**

## **OHIO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – *The State Board of***

*Education's Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee met this week and discussed graduation prospects and requirements for the classes of 2018 and 2019. As part of the discussion, Ohio Department of Education (ODE) staff released a concept paper highlighting three potential graduation requirement options for the class of 2019. The options included were: 1) stick with the original three options as originally configured; 2) create an additional permanent option that is a demonstration-based pathway; and 3) infuse additional demonstrations of learning as substitutes in the state standardized assessment-based pathway. The additional graduation pathways for the class of 2018 passed as part of House Bill 49, do not currently apply to future classes.*

## **School Board Talks Graduation, How Test Retakes Affect State Report Cards – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education started discussions Monday on an element of its Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan that would establish a new report card indicator for students who retake high school exams

## **Should Ohio Keep Softer High School Graduation Requirements? – Columbus Dispatch**

- Faced with a host of students who might not get their diplomas, the Ohio's state school board backed off tougher graduation requirements for this year's high school seniors. But what happens now?

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# **OHIO**

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS**

## **Board Race Results Could Bring Automatic Recount – This Week**

- Although the final unofficial vote for the Bexley Board of Education showed voters opted to re-elect incumbents Marlee Snowden and John Barno and

add challenger Michelle Mineo to the panel on Nov. 7, there might be the possibility of an automatic recount

## **BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Voters Pass Big Walnut Bond Issue – Delaware Gazette**

- The Big Walnut Local School District's combined bond issue and permanent improvement levy barely passed by a 51 to 49 percent margin — 3,825 for to 3,682 against — in the Nov. 7 election, according to unofficial results from the Delaware County Board of Elections

## **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Columbus School Board Wants Next Superintendent to Live in the District – Columbus Dispatch**

- Some members of the Columbus Board of Education want at least one thing to change when they select a new superintendent: That person should live within the city school district, which outgoing Superintendent Dan Good does not

### **ACLU Wants to Know Why Columbus Schools Dropped Religious-Music Ban – Columbus Dispatch**

- The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio will investigate why a 2002 ban on using religious music at graduation ceremonies quietly disappeared from the Columbus City School Board's policy manual two years ago. The board had agreed to the ban in a lawsuit settlement with the ACLU

## **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **GM Board Worried about Window Installation Delay for New High School – Columbus Messenger**

- A problem regarding the windows for the new Groveport Madison High School raised concerns for the Groveport Madison Board of Education

### **Refinancing Construction Bonds Saves Groveport Madison \$831,815 – Columbus Messenger**

- On Nov. 7, Groveport Madison Schools Treasurer John Walsh, along with representatives of Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC, completed the refinancing of a portion of the district's 2014 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds

## **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Hope Cultivates Bright Future for District's Students – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection**



- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that the hope we instill in each child's dream, the hope parents have in their schools to create the opportunities for learning and growth and the hope we practice in our growth mindset to make every day better than the last -- these are the underpinnings of the institution of public school

#### **Post-Election Outlook – This Week**

- Mark Abate will take Teater's place on the Hilliard school board

#### **NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

##### **Leaky Roofs Top PI Levy Priority List – This Week**

- Now that voters have approved a 1.25-mill permanent-improvements levy for the New Albany-Plain Local School District, leaders say they will focus on roof repairs

#### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

##### **Olentangy Growth Projections: Space Needed for Young Students – This Week**

- The Olentangy Local School District may need to build two new elementary schools over the next decade to keep up with enrollment growth, according to projections released earlier this month

##### **OLSD Could Face Classroom Shortage in 2021-22 – Delaware Gazette**

- A new elementary school or two could be on the horizon for the Olentangy Local School District if enrollment continues on its current path over the next 10 years for one of Ohio's largest school districts

#### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Reynoldsburg Council, Board Races Still Undecided – This Week**

- The race for three seats on the Reynoldsburg school board and three on City Council each produced two clear winners Nov. 7 but a third contest in each race is still undecided

##### **Reynoldsburg City Council and School Board Races Could See a Recount – Columbus Messenger**

- The race for a school board finished extraordinarily close as well. Jeni Quesenberry finished first and current school board member Joe Begeny finished second

#### **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Parents Can Be Partners in Promotion of Literacy – Thus Week South-Western Subject Matter**

- Jackie Wissman of the South-Western City Schools writes that they strive to create partnerships with parents. When families spend time reading, writing and building conversations, they see tremendous benefits in classrooms

#### **Election Winners Considering Priorities for 2018 – This Week**

- The winners in the contested races for the South-Western Board of Education all cite facilities as among the top agenda items in 2018

#### **UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Issue 43: After the Vote – District Plans Outreach for Design Ideas – This Week**

- Following the passage of a levy and bond issue that will bring in \$230 million to build a new high school and renovate five elementary buildings, the Upper Arlington school district intends to launch another community outreach initiative to help design those projects

#### **WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Forecast, Bond Rating Good News for Board – This Week**

- Decreased expenditures and increased projected revenue is allowing the Westerville City School District to stay in the black at least a year longer than originally anticipated

#### **WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Creative Teaching Getting Results in Whitehall Schools – Columbus Dispatch**

- Whitehall Yearling High School just opened its very first student store, and it was conceived from top to bottom by 11th- and 12th-graders

##### **Election Day in Whitehall – This Week**

- In the school board race, five candidates sought three seats

#### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Worthington School Board Election: First Time Candidate Hudson Creates 'Political Earthquake' – This Week**

- Worthington Schools voters re-elected incumbents Jennifer Best and Sam Shim, but newcomer candidate Nikki Hudson got the lion's share of votes Nov. 7 for school board

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***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

#### **School Board to Continue Graduation Discussions – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education will press farther next week into discussions of whether and how to intercede on behalf of the class of 2019, the second cohort of students to face Ohio's new graduation requirements

#### **School Board Talks Graduation, How Test Retakes Affect State Report Cards – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education started discussions Monday on an element of its Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan that would establish a new report card indicator for students who retake high school exams

#### **Should Ohio Keep Softer High School Graduation Requirements? – Columbus Dispatch**

- Faced with a host of students who might not get their diplomas, the Ohio's state school board backed off tougher graduation requirements for this year's high school seniors. But what happens now?

#### **Superintendent, Board of Education Discuss Future of Student Assessments – Hannah**

- Looking to engage the State Board of Education in a discussion about the future of the state's testing system, Superintendent Paolo DeMaria Monday presented the recommendations of an advisory group focused on determining what tests, if any, the board should eliminate

#### **Board of Education Committee Approves Ohio History Content for Licensure Tests, Sets Cut Score – Hannah**

- A State Board of Education Committee Monday voted to add a new section on Ohio history to the licensure test for educators looking to teach middle grades social studies

#### **Sponsors of 10 Ohio Charter Schools Receive 'Poor' Ratings from State – Columbus Dispatch**

- Eight sponsors of 10 charter schools — none in the Columbus area — flunked the latest round of ratings released Wednesday by the Ohio Department of Education

#### **2017 Community School Sponsor Evaluations Released – ODE**

- As part of ongoing efforts to increase accountability and quality in Ohio's community school system, the Ohio Department of Education today released the 2016-2017 sponsor evaluations. A change to Ohio law in the recently passed state budget requires the evaluations to be released by November 15

#### **Common Period Now Open for Revisions to Ohio's Learning Standards – Extended in English Language Arts and Mathematics – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education invites Ohioans to submit suggestions through Dec. 11 as part of a periodic update for Ohio's Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics – Extended

#### **Ohio Teacher Leadership Framework Now Available – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education has published the Ohio Teacher Leadership Framework as a guide to enlisting the state's strongest educators in improving schools and expanding teachers' professional growth opportunities

#### **ODE Recognizes Schools of Promise and Schools of Honor – ODE**

- Ohio is recognizing 12 schools today for maintaining high academic achievement among their students, including many from economically disadvantaged circumstances that can make learning difficult

#### **State Board of Education Awards High Performing Schools – ODE**

- The State Board of Education of Ohio today recognized one district and four schools with the All A Award for earning straight A's on their 2016-2017 Ohio School Report Cards. In addition, 64 districts and 214 schools received the Momentum Award for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year

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### ***Joint Education Oversight Committee***

#### **JEOC Report to Examine Early Childhood Education, Step Up To Quality Standards – Hannah**

- The Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) heard Thursday from Executive Director Lauren Monowar-Jones addressing research looking at the funding, enrollment and learning outcomes of Ohio's early childhood education programs to inform a report tentatively slated for release in January 2018

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### ***Ohio School Finance & Budget***

#### **Conference Committee, Senate Approve SB8 – Hannah**

- The Conference Committee on SB8 (Gardner-Terhar) and the full Senate Wednesday unanimously approved the report on the bill containing an omnibus amendment that makes a number of budget corrective changes including a nearly \$7.4 million increase in state aid for school districts

experiencing reductions in Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPP) reimbursements

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **36,000 Suspensions for Ohio Third Graders and Younger Could Prompt Ban on Harsh Punishments – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- Ohio could join the growing number of states and cities to ban suspensions of young students as damaging and counterproductive, under a new bill to be released this week

### **Bill Seeks to End Suspensions of Youngest Ohio Students – Columbus Dispatch**

- Shocked by data showing that Ohio schools suspended approximately 34,000 children from pre-kindergarten through third grade last year, a bipartisan group of legislators wants to largely put an end to the punishment for the state's youngest students

### **Lehner Again Pursuing Ban on Suspension of Youngest Students – Hannah**

- Ohio schools would have four years to stop issuing out-of-school suspensions and expulsions as punishment for children in preschool and early elementary grades under bipartisan legislation to be introduced in the Senate, though the requirement would not apply to discipline imposed for violent or dangerous behavior

### **Kasich Urges School Board Members to Call Him – Hannah**

- The phone line at the governor's office is open for local school board members seeking to discuss anti-drug education and/or strategies to prepare students for in-demand jobs, Gov. John Kasich said Monday

### **Kasich Talks of Many Things at School Boards Meeting – But Not School Funding – Columbus Dispatch**

- Ohio Gov. John Kasich addressed an array of topics — from opioid abuse to business involvement in schools — before the Ohio School Boards Association on Monday morning

### **OSBA President-Elect – Hannah**

- The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Delegate Assembly Monday elected John W. Halkias as the association's 2018 president-elect. Halkias serves on the Plain Local Schools Board of Education in Stark County

### **Public School Board Delegates Approve Amendments to OSBA Legislative Platform – Hannah**

- The Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) Delegate Assembly this week approved a number of amendments and added a plank to the association's legislative platform -- a document that conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands on issues affecting public education

### **Bill Includes Slightly Smaller Cost-of-Living Reductions for OPERS Members – Hannah**

- The head of Ohio's largest public retirement system testified Wednesday in the House about the pension fund's operations as well as plans to curtail inflationary benefit increases in a bid to shore up long-term finances

### **Task Force Members Share Local Perspective at Final Meeting – Hannah**

- The House Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty met Thursday to give its non-legislative members an opportunity to talk about the successes and challenges they've experienced in their own local school districts and organizations

### **Campaign Launches to Support Teen, Young Adult Mental Health – Hannah**

- Youth advocates for mental wellness joined state officials Thursday for the launch of the Be Present campaign, which is meant to help young people care for themselves and support peers amid isolation, depression and other mental health issues. The campaign is also meant to help address the problem of youth and young adult suicide

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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

### **Betsy DeVos: Stop 'Forcing' Four-Year Degrees as Only Pathway to Success – EdWeek**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos told a meeting Monday that the country needs to quit trying to push every student to attend a four-year college, and open up apprenticeships and other workplace learning experiences to more students

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## ***Education Policy & Finance***

### **Is Testing the Only Way a Student Can Achieve Success under ESSA? – EdWeek**

- The Every Student Succeeds Act kept in place the testing regimen from the law it replaced, the No Child Left Behind Act. That means that states still have to test students in grades three through eight and once in high school. But ESSA allowed—well actually, told—states they had to pick some other factor that got at school quality and student success

### **Rating the Ratings: An Analysis of the 51 ESSA Accountability Plans – Fordham Institute**

- Our new analysis examines the plans submitted by all fifty states and the District of Columbia, and whether they are strong or weak (or in-between) in achieving three objectives

### **States' ESSA Plans Fall Short on Educator Equity, NCTQ Analysis Finds – EdWeek**

- Most states are not planning to do enough to prevent low-income students and students of color from being disproportionately taught by ineffective or inexperienced teachers, according to the National Council on Teacher Quality

### **ESSA Educator Equity Analyses – National Council on Teacher Quality**

- The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ)'s analyses of states' plans for ensuring that low-income and minority students are not disproportionately taught by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are designed to support states in ensuring that all students have access to excellent teachers

### **Why Are Parents Afraid of Later School Start Times? – The Atlantic**

- A new paper argues that using behavioral economics to ease families' fear of change could help convince them to switch up their children's routines

### **Building the Capacity of State Boards to Lead for Equity and Excellence – NASBE**

- State boards engaged in the business of policymaking with the intent to lead for equity transformation must be willing to discuss race and other diversity issues that affect the achievement gap. Nearly all state board members who responded to a recent NASBE survey said they believed their state board should take the lead in promoting equity in education policy, yet most had not received any recent training in how to do this work

### **Student-Centered State Funding: A How-To Guide for State Policymakers – ExcelinED**

- This guide lays out a step-by-step process for how your state can meaningfully increase the proportion of funding that is student-centered. It discusses some of the trickier design challenges and identifies ways to overcome them

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## ***Standards & Assessments***

### **Even When States Revise Standards, the Core of the Common Core Remains – EdWeek**

- For a while, the Common Core State Standards seemed to teeter on the brink of the abyss. State lawmakers were defecting left and right, convening committees to rewrite the standards. But a review released on Monday of 24 states' revisions show that they have largely preserved the common core's most important features

### **Strong Standards: A Review of Changes to State Standards Since the Common Core – Achieve**

- This report offers an analysis of the English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics standards of the 24 states that have reviewed and revised these standards after initially adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The report found most states kept their standards rigorous and maintained college- and career-ready expectations for students

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## ***Teacher Effectiveness***

### **Support for Teachers: One-on-One Online Mentoring Fills a Niche – Christian Science Monitor**

- In the face of teacher shortages, the search for ways to keep those already in the profession on track and supporting students has become more urgent. One solution gaining more traction: teachers helping each other online



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## ***Diversity, Equity & Inclusion***

### **Strategies for Building a Diverse School District – District Administration**

- Not every school considers diversity an essential even though a business case can be made for it. At the very least, a diverse workforce leads to employee innovation, increased productivity and a positive reputation

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## ***Social-Emotional Learning***

### **New Evidence that Students' Beliefs about Their Brains Drive Learning – Brookings**

- While this study is just a first step in assessing the effects of mindset on a large population of students and the role of schools in building mindset, the findings provide initial evidence that it may be beneficial to monitor the levels of growth mindset in the population and convey to students that the brain is malleable

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## ***Early Learning***

### **Research Analysis Shows Long-Term Benefits of Center-Based Pre-K Programs – Education DIVE**

- The study included reviews of early-childhood programs that emphasize not only academics, but also health and social-emotional development. The key, researchers say, is that children are attending high-quality programs, which means that there is a well-planned curriculum backed by evidence, that teachers have ongoing coaching and opportunities for professional development and that there is a structure to the school day in addition to allowing children choice

### **New Analysis Finds Long-Lasting Benefits from Early Childhood Education – EdWeek**

- High-quality early-childhood programs boost graduation rates, reduce grade retention and cut down on special education placements, according to a new analysis of several other early-education research studies that adds fresh fuel to long-running policy debates about the effectiveness of pre-K

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## ***Postsecondary & Workforce Development***

### **Making College Affordable: Providing Low-Income Students with the Knowledge and Resources Needed to Pay for College – Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**

- This brief offers 11 best practices to institutions to help students pay for college and stay in school. These strategies are organized into three categories: clarifying financial information, easing the financial burden, and filling in financial aid gaps

### **Digitalization and the American Workforce – Brookings**

- This report presents a detailed analysis of changes in the digital content of 545 occupations covering 90 percent of the U.S. workforce in all industries since 2001. The analysis categorizes U.S. occupations into jobs that require high, medium or low digital skills and tracks the impacts of rapid change

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## ***Transportation***

### **Better Buses: Three Ways to Improve School Transportation, In under Three Minutes – Bellwether Education**

- To help people understand why we should be thinking differently about school transportation, we created a simple, three-minute video explaining how school transportation works and doesn't work for students, schools, and communities and how we can start thinking about solutions

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# **Ohio Legislation Update**

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

## ***HOUSE***

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget  
**STATUS:** (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review  
**STATUS:** House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS:** House Finance Committee

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting  
**STATUS:** Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

**HB66**TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester  
**STATUS:** Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year  
**STATUS:** House Ways & Means Committee

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers  
**STATUS:** House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service

program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87** COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89** AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98** CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed

student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for

Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate  
**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments  
**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**



**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency  
**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities  
**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week  
**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security  
**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) (Passed by House) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate accepts report, Vote 32-0**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes  
**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside

requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34**SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36**AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor

**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation


**STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226 PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

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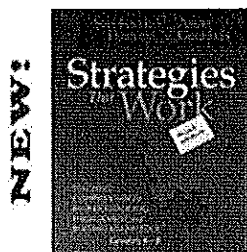
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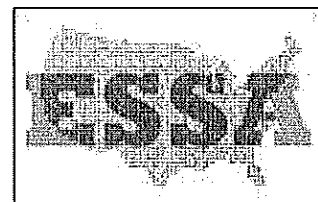
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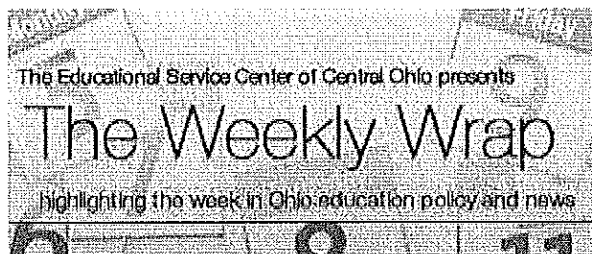
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# FEATURED ITEMS

**COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PARTICIPATION** – *The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) reported that more than 68,000 Ohio students participated in the College Credit Plus program last school year. Approximately 54,000 students participated in the program during the 2015-16 school year. ODHE said that the program saved more than \$144 million in higher education costs for students, an increase from first year savings of \$124 million. (NOTE: Need more info regarding College Credit Plus and the program's latest changes? Join the ESC's Success Network and ODHE's Larisa Harper on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.)*

### **College Credit Plus Sees Increase in Student Participation in Second Year – Hannah**

- More than 68,000 Ohio high school students participated in the second year of College Credit Plus, an increase over first-year participation, according to the Ohi Department of Higher Education (ODHE)

### **More than 68,000 High School Students Took College Courses in 2016-2017 Academic Year – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- More than 68,000 high school students took in Ohio college classes during the 2016-17 academic year, earning college credit while meeting their high school graduation requirements and collectively saving more than \$144 million on the cost of higher education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education announced

### **Second Year of College Credit Plus Sees More Than 68,000 Students Saving \$144 Million on College Costs – ODHE**

- The program's second-year numbers are up from the 2015-16 academic year, when slightly more than 54,000 students participated at a total savings of nearly \$124 million on college tuition

### **Meet with ODHE's Larisa Harper re: College Credit Plus Changes – ESC of Central Ohio's Success Network**

- Join us December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to hear from and ask questions of the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Larisa Harper regarding College Credit Plus. It's free! Email [Christine.Galvin@escoco.org](mailto:Christine.Galvin@escoco.org) to register

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# OHIO

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **Franklin County, Building Trades to Offer 'Building Futures' Program -- Hannah**

- The Franklin County commissioners have approved contracts with the Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council and local service provider Impac Community Action to administer a pilot program designed to help county residents transition into apprentice programs that lead to well-paying skilled construction trades careers

## **BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Big Walnut's New Buildings: Initial Work Underway; Leaders Mull Locations -- This Week**

- Nearly three weeks after a successful night at the polls, Big Walnut Local School District leaders have initiated the process that will result in the construction of two buildings

## **BUCKEYE VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Buckeye Valley to Keep Current Elementary Names -- Delaware Gazette**

- Following a vote by district residents, the Buckeye Valley Local School District will retain the current names of its two elementary schools when the new building are completed

## **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **John Stanford to Be Named Interim Superintendent of Columbus Schools -- Columbus Dispatch**

- The Columbus Board of Education is expected to name John Stanford, currently a deputy superintendent, as interim superintendent of Ohio's largest school district, the district announced

### **Columbus School Board Unanimously Reinstates Ban on Religious Songs at Graduation -- Columbus Dispatch**

- After a contentious debate two weeks ago, the Columbus Board of Education was suddenly singing from the same sheet Tuesday night when it unanimously voted to reinstate a ban on religious songs from graduation ceremonies

### **Beakin Program Helps Youngsters Realize Their Potential -- Columbus Dispatch**

- Monday was the first day of a new “holistic learning environment” called the “Beakin Program” that welcomed about 10 high school and college-aged mentors and 21 fourth- and fifth-grade students

#### **Former Africentric School Expects to Fetch a High Price During Auction – Columbus Dispatch**

- That is not expected to be the case on Tuesday, when the former Africentric School — the crown jewel of the district’s surplus property — goes to auction. The minimum bid: \$15.025 million

#### **Nationwide Children’s Buys Former Africentric School Site for \$15 Million – Columbus Dispatch**

- Nationwide Children’s immediate plan for the new acquisition is surface parking, which would require the demolition of the 127,900-square-foot school built in the 1960s, said Patty McClimon, the hospital’s senior vice president of planning and facilities

### **DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER**

#### **DACC Reconfiguration: Recess Costs \$2.75 Million, Leaders Say**

- While work on the \$45 million project to expand the Delaware Area Career Center’s south campus has resumed, a multimonth pause in construction had a multimillion-dollar cost

### **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **DCS Board Approves Bus Purchases and Change Orders – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved the purchase of four buses and approved several change orders related to several construction projects during its meeting last week

### **FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Fairbanks Officials Put Support Behind Senate Bill – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- The Fairbanks Board of Education is working to cut costly regulations imposed on Fairbanks schools

#### **Area Districts Ready Should ECOT End Operations – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- In October, the Electronic School of Tomorrow (ECOT) announced it would close its virtual doors within a few months due to funds it owes the state

### **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **District Aims Higher as ACT, SAT Scores Rise – This Week**

- Grandview Heights High School students' ACT and SAT scores and the level of student access and participation in Advanced Placement courses is impressive, district leaders say

#### **Despite Penny-Pinching, District May Need '18 Levy – This Week District Notebook**

- Beth Collier, treasurer of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that due to funding reductions their ending cash balance is projected to trend downward beginning in fiscal year 2018

#### **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

##### **Bond Refinancing Saves GM District almost \$832,000 – This Week**

- A higher credit rating combined with the district's efforts to manage its finances efficiently paid off when Groveport Madison schools refinanced \$8.2 million worth of construction bonds

##### **Groveport Madison's Gifted Program Expands Horizons for Students – Columbus Messenger**

- The Groveport Madison school district is working to provide its gifted students with opportunities for growth starting at a young age

#### **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Chinese Language Translates into Career Goal – This Week**

- The Career Mentorship course allows students to shadow a professional in a career of their choice and set goals for their learning experience. The semester-long classes offered through the McVey Innovative Learning Center are open to juniors and seniors from all three Hilliard high schools

#### **MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

##### **Area Districts Ready Should ECOT End Operations – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- In October, the Electronic School of Tomorrow (ECOT) announced it would close its virtual doors within a few months due to funds it owes the state

#### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

##### **Votes Matter: Three Close Races Result in Mandatory Recounts – Columbus Dispatch**

- Jeni Quesenberry and Joe Begeny won two of the three seats for the Reynoldsburg school board. Robert Barga, with 3,117 votes, and Robert Truex, with 3,110, finished seven votes apart, also requiring a recount

**Recount Needed for Reynoldsburg City Council and School Board Races – Columbus Messenger**

- Close races for seats on Reynoldsburg City Council and the Reynoldsburg Board of Education means recounts will be necessary, according to the Ohio Secretary of State and the Franklin County Board of Elections

**Reynoldsburg School Board Petitions Legislators Regarding Teachers' Business Costs – Columbus Messenger**

- The Reynoldsburg Board of Education voted to send a resolution to Ohio's senators and representatives in opposition to terms in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act bill under consideration in Congress

**SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

**District Addresses New Truancy Policy – Columbus Messenger**

- A policy change regarding student absences has some parents in the South-Western City Schools District alarmed

**UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

**Meetings Will Launch New Design Process for Schools – This Week School Notes**

- Paul Imhoff, superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, writes that they will launch the master plan design phase at community meetings in December

**WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

**Westerville School District Treasurer Announces Retirement – This Week**

- Westerville City School District treasurer Bart Griffith will leave the district effective Jan. 1, 2018, with disability retirement

**School Board Prepares to Find Griffith's Replacement – This Week**

- Westerville City School District assistant treasurer Laura Hendricks will step up as interim treasurer in early 2018, after treasurer Bart Griffith begins disability retirement effective Jan. 1

**District Imparts Need to Say Something for Safety – This Week**

- Westerville City School District students have been learning how to keep each other safe through the Say Something program

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**Licensure Rule Changes Provide Certain Educators and Their Employers with More Flexibility – ODE**

- The State Board of Education has approved several Ohio Administrative Code rule changes that positively affect educators seeking supplemental, short-term substitute and alternative resident educator licenses

**ODE Highlights Teacher Licensure Changes – Hannah**

- Several recent changes to state rules will give more flexibility to teachers seeking certain licenses, according to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **Computer Science Instead of Algebra II in Ohio High Schools? – Columbus Dispatch**

- Ohio schools could allow students to take a computer science class instead of algebra II under a bill that supporters say can focus students on today's in-demand jobs. But some lawmakers are concerned it could hinder the ability of students to get into universities that require algebra II as a prerequisite for admission

### **Congressional Changes to 529 Plans Won't Mean Much for Ohio Officials – State Impact Ohio**

- When members of Congress return to Washington next week, they'll continue working on a tax reform plan that supporters say will aid the middle class in a number of ways, including expanding school choice options. Both the House and Senate versions of the bill include a provision to change the 529 college savings plan

### **Rep. Ingram Seeks to Standardize Education Records Transfer Timelines – Hannah**

- Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) announced her recent introduction of HB418, which seeks to require K-12 schools in Ohio to transfer educational records to another school within five days upon request

### **House Committee Scales Back Voucher Proposal – Hannah**

- The House Education Committee trimmed the upper ranges of the income eligibility scale and dropped plans to let families save unused school voucher funding for future education expenses in revisions to the Opportunity Scholarship proposal in HB200

### **Plan to Expand Tuition Vouchers for Private Schools Gaining New Life in Ohio House – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- A plan to expand Ohio's private school tuition voucher program to more middle-class families could soon go to vote in the Ohio House, despite stalling out in the Senate earlier this year

### **Schools, Local Governments Push Back on Tax Valuation Proposals – Hannah**

- School districts and county officials urged House members Tuesday to reject or substantially change legislation that would affect the way they intercede in property tax disputes and would delay valuation increases for housing developments

### **Governor's Race: Cordray Will Announce Soon; DeWine, Husted Team Up – Columbus Dispatch**

- The race to become Ohio's next governor was turned on its head on Wednesday

#### **House Passes Budget Correction Conference Report, Four Bills – Hannah**

- The House returned from Thanksgiving break Wednesday to approve a conference report on legislation that includes a number of budget corrections, as well as four other bills

#### **Lawmakers Review Changes to Education Standards for Science, History, Finances – Hannah**

- Superintendent Paolo DeMaria gave his second presentation of the week Wednesday on proposed changes in state learning standards, fulfilling the statutory requirement that the House and Senate education committees review such changes before final adoption by the State Board of Education

#### **Can Computer Science Replace Algebra 2? – EdWeek**

- Should students be allowed to take computer science instead of Algebra 2? Ohio schools could be heading in that direction

#### **Drug Prevention Education Panel Ponders Next Steps – Hannah**

- Months after it released a broad set of recommendations, the Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education met Thursday to solicit members' ideas of how to advance or expand upon the suggested policies in its February report

#### **Auditor Releases 'Best Practices' Newsletter on Government Use of Credit Cards – Hannah**

- Because many local governments are at risk of theft and other misuse of government credit and debit cards, Auditor of State Dave Yost has released a "Best Practices" newsletter on minimizing the risk of credit card abuse

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- The Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant program promoted the development of rating systems to document the quality of early childhood



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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

#### **Hundreds of Comments Pour In on DeVos' Priorities for Education Grants – EdWeek**

- Remember those 11 competitive-grant priorities that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos sketched out last month? In case you forgot: Expanding school choice and rewarding applicants that want to focus on STEM were on her list. More than 1,000 people and organizations had some thoughts for DeVos and her team when it comes to these priorities, which the department will use to help decide who gets hundreds of millions of dollars in competitive grants

#### **Betsy DeVos Sounds Off on Workforce Readiness, Alternatives to College – EdWeek**

- President Donald Trump tapped Betsy DeVos to be U.S. secretary of education one year ago, on Nov. 23, 2016. At the time, she was expected to focus primarily on school choice. One year later, Congress hasn't really embraced that agenda. But DeVos has broadened her message, talking about issues like apprenticeships and alternatives to traditional four-year college

#### **Tax Bills' Changes to Debt Could Shrink School Spending, Education Officials Say – EdWeek**

- A provision of the House and Senate tax bills could increase how much schools pay for long-term debt, and subsequently shrink resources for students and teachers

**Prepared Remarks from U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to Foundation for Excellence in Education National Summit on Education Reform – USDOE**

**DeVos Praises ‘Laudable’ Variety in ESSA Plans, Says She’s ‘Just getting Started’ at Ed. Department – The 74**

- In the great ESSA battle of federal accountability versus state flexibility, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has come down firmly on the side of flexibility ~~3~~ 0 and states are responding, she said

**U.S. Department of Education Announces Vision to Transform Federal Student Aid, Improve Customer Service – USDOE**

- The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) took an important next step in fulfilling the promise of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to transform th delivery of financial aid to millions of students and their families

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***Education Policy & Finance***

**Proposed State Accountability Systems Under the Every Student Succeeds Act: A Summary of Fall 2017 Submissions – AIR**

- Sixteen states and the District of Columbia submitted draft accountability plans in spring 2017, and another 34 states and Puerto Rico submitted their plans in fall 2017. American Institutes for Research (AIR) reviewed and synthesized the key elements of these state accountability plans, resulting in State Accountability snapshots, available at <http://www.air.org/ESSAAccountability>

**Balancing Act: Schools, Neighborhoods, and Racial Imbalance – Brookings**

- The analysis finds that though most schools are relatively similar to their surrounding neighborhoods in terms of racial makeup for white, black, and Hispanic students, there’s a lot of variation between school districts and states

**The New Schoolhouse: Building Facilities that Work – EdWeek Special Report**

- This Education Week special report is all about the concrete—and equally crucial—topic of school facilities and what it takes to assure that the nation’s 56 million schoolchildren have a modern, fully-equipped, well-maintained school to attend, and a place where all that theory and educator experience can be put into practice

**Study: State Ed Funding Still Lagging Below Pre-Recession Levels – Education DIVE**

- Based on 2015 Census data, 29 states are providing less per-pupil funding than before the recession, and in 19 states, local funding has also dropped over that same time period, according to a report released today by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)

#### **Why Net Neutrality Matters for K-12 Education – FutureEd**

- Last week, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its plan to dismantle the Obama Administration's 2015 net neutrality rules. These rules prevent broadband providers from selectively blocking access or slowing connections to specific sites. Defenders of net neutrality tout its importance for innovation, transparency, and democracy

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### ***Standards & Assessments***

#### **Motivation a Major Factor in U.S. Student Test Performance – THE Journal**

- A new report finds that bribery substantially boosts U.S. student performance on standardized tests, leading researchers to conclude that lack of motivation, not just lack of ability, has contributed to the United States' middling standings in international rankings based on standardized test scores

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### ***Teacher Effectiveness***

#### **What's the Future of Teacher Evaluation in the ESSA Era? – EdWeek**

- So far, six states—Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Oklahoma—have dropped teacher evaluations through student outcomes, according to the National Council of Teacher Quality. And other states have kept performance reviews, but made some modifications. Florida, for instance, has kept the student-growth measures, but allows districts to decide how they are calculated

#### **TFA, Alternative Programs Marginally Better Than Traditional Teacher Prep, Study Finds – EdWeek**

- Students whose teachers were trained in alternative teacher preparation programs such as Teach For America tend to perform slightly better academically than students whose teachers had traditional teacher training, according to a recent meta-analysis

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## ***Special Education***

### **Research Shows Disparity in K-12 Special Needs Reporting – District Administration**

- Ultimately, the research series aims to provide actionable insights to help states and local districts address the needs of special needs students equitably. Those insights include determining which measures work to successfully address the needs of students, quantifying that success and sharing the story

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## ***Mental Health & Wellness***

### **Bullied Teens More Likely to Take Weapons to School – Health Day**

- Three factors were linked to greater odds of high school students carrying a weapon during school hours: fighting at school; being threatened or injured at school and skipping school out of fear for their safety

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## ***Early Learning***

### **School Districts Find Creative Ways to Fund Pre-K – District Administration**

- Big city districts are taking the lead in funding pre-K programs as states work more slowly to expand access

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## ***Curriculum***

### **Virginia Becomes First State to Require Computer Science Instruction – EdWeek**

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# Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

## HOUSE

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes**

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out**

**HB66**TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB89**AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98**CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Passed by House, Vote 92-0**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**



**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate  
**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB418** SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB426** SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Criminal Justice Committee**

**HB428** STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## ***SENATE***

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) (Passed by House) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate accepts report, Vote 32-0; House accepts report, Vote 88-4**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34** SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36** AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled

in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study



Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax


**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

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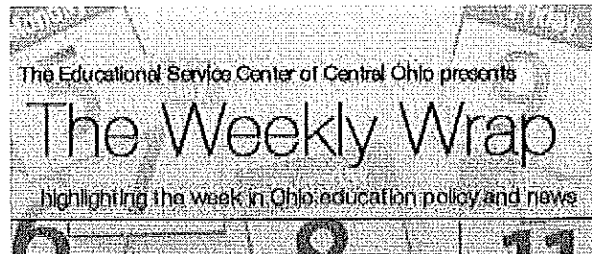
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## FEATURED ITEMS

### OHIO COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION BILL NEARS

**PASSAGE** – *The Ohio Senate unanimously passed House Bill 170 (HB170) this week. HB170 addresses computer science education for schools in several ways, such as: requiring the State Board of Education to adopt computer science academic content standards and a model curriculum; adding computer science instruction as an option to several of the prescribed subjects in the state minimum high school curriculum; permitting a student to choose to apply instruction in computer science as one unit of math or science; addressing computer science teacher licensure issues; and more. (NOTE: Ohio education- and local government-related legislative updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)*

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#### HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds  
STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0

## **USDOE RELEASES GUIDANCE REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION RULING**

*– This past March, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Endrew F. vs. Douglas County determining that districts have the obligation to provide students in special education with something beyond a minimal quality or "de minimis" education. In response to the ruling, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) released a Q&A this week regarding its impacts. The Q&A provides an overview of the case and ruling, clarification of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's (IDEA) Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) requirement, and considerations for implementation.*

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### **CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **CWHS Renovations: Design Includes New Labs, Offices, Flexible Space – This Week**

- The Canal Winchester Board of Education got a taste Nov. 20 of how three additions will look on the exterior of the high school and how space inside the building will be “reprogrammed”

### **CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **School Eyes Second Community Day, Asks for Help – Chillicothe Gazette**

- Chillicothe City Schools’ annual Community Day was such a success on Tuesday they are hoping to do a second one this winter

### **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Columbus Superintendent: Schools Unfairly Saddled with Responsibility for Fate of Children – Columbus Dispatch**

- With three weeks left running the school district before he retires, he spoke forcefully about how schools are unfairly saddled with total responsibility for any issue involving children and how community partners make promises to help kids but don’t follow through

#### **Alternative Disciplinary Practices Keeping Students in Columbus City Schools – Columbus Dispatch**

- Some Columbus City Schools are not expelling or suspending students as often, turning instead to alternatives that teach kids coping skills. District officials say the move is working, keeping children in the classroom

### **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Budget Moves, Increased Efficiencies Lead to Positive Forecast – This Week School Notes**

- Brian Kern, treasurer of Dublin City Schools, writes that expenditure reductions and increased efficiencies have contributed heavily to a positive 2017 five-year financial forecast

### **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Grandview Schools’ Facilities Plan: Group Wants Lower Costs, Confidence in Ballot Victory – This Week**

- The group, dubbed Good for Grandview, has posted an online petition asking the school board to develop a new plan for its facilities that would be more affordable and acceptable to the community

### **LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS**



### **2017 Has Been Busy But Exciting Year – This Week Licking Heights Letter**

- Philip Wagner, superintendent of Licking Heights Local Schools, writes that in his seven years serving Licking Heights Local Schools, this has been by far his busiest, especially with the scope of the high school building project. It's an exciting time to be a hornet

### **MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

#### **Substitute Teacher: District Should Increase Pay – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- A substitute teacher working in the Marysville schools attended Thursday night's board meeting to urge the district to increase the pay temporary instructors

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Olentangy Academy Program Takes Students into the Workplace – Delaware Gazette**

- Sue Andrews had the look of a proud parent after listening to students in the Mentorship Program at Olentangy Academy talk about their experiences in professional settings this fall

#### **OLSD Dealing with Change – Delaware Gazette**

- When Berlin High School — the Olentangy Local School District's fourth high school — opens its doors for the 2018-2019 school year, it will bring about various changes, most notably the City of Powell will no longer be exclusively the home of the Patriots from Liberty High School

### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **BOE: Recounts Confirm Canal Winchester, Reynoldsburg Results**

- The recounts involved three seats on the Reynoldsburg school board and City Council and four on Canal Winchester City Council

#### **Recount Confirms Reynoldsburg City Council, School Board Election Results – Columbus Messenger**

- Following an official recount, Stacie Baker has won the final city on Reynoldsburg City Council by 2 votes and Robert Barga takes the final seat on the Reynoldsburg Board of Education by 7 votes

#### **China Visit Shows Kids Are Worldwide – This Week Raider Talk**

- Melvin Brown, superintendent of Reynoldsburg City Schools, writes that as invited delegates, Amy Gengo, assistant principal at the eSTEM Academy of Reynoldsburg High School, and he had an outstanding opportunity to deepen our understanding of China, to share best practices and to build partnerships with Chinese schools

## **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Law Outlines How Truancy Is Handled – This Week**

- New state regulations taking effect this school year are designed to help encourage a more preventive approach to excessive absences and truancy

## **WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Life Skills Flourish under Mentors' Care – This Week**

- Whitehall-Yearling High School students -- particularly freshmen -- continue to benefit from a three-year-old student-mentoring program through the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime at Defense Supply Center Columbus in Whitehall

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## ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **Elected Board Members Defend School Board's Role – Hannah**

- Two of the State Board of Education's elected members, Stephanie Dodd of the Ninth District and Nick Owens of the Tenth District, issued a bipartisan statement Friday in defense of the board's role and responsibilities

### **State Superintendent Critical of Education Mandates Bill – Columbus Dispatch**

- Ohio's state superintendent picked apart a wide-ranging education bill, criticizing proposed changes to kindergarten assessments, teacher licensing, report cards and other issues

### **DeMaria Flags Concerns in Deregulation Bill; KRA Provisions Draw Pushback – Hannah**

- Superintendent Paolo DeMaria gave a lengthy critique Wednesday of Sen. Matt Huffman's (R-Lima) education deregulation proposal, listing several concerns with the legislation

### **Find a School for Your Child Interactive Dashboard – ODE**

- Families are faced with many decisions as they decide where to move and what type of school or special program is best for their children. Begin your school search using the interactive dashboard below

### **Community Connectors Information Sessions Scheduled for December – ODE**

- The application period for the next round of Community Connectors grants will open in February 2018. The state will award \$8 million in 3:1 matching grants

**STEM and STEAM School Application Is Now Available; Assistance Webinar Scheduled – ODE**

- Schools planning to apply for STEM or STEAM designation should submit a letter of intent before 5 p.m., Dec. 20, 2017

**New Digital Resource Launched for Digital Learning – ODE**

- Ohio's parents and educators have a new resource to help little learners ages 3-5 prepare for school and their futures with the INFOhio Early Learning Portal. The easy-to-navigate site contains more than 50 websites and apps chosen and evaluated by educators and librarians with expertise in early learning and literacy

**Resource Guide to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism: Resource Links – ODE**

**District Resource for Encouraging Regular Attendance – ODE**

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#### **Fordham Sketches Simpler Report Card with Stronger Growth Focus – Hannah**

- Ohio should simplify its report cards for local schools and make value-added data account for a greater share of schools' ratings, the Fordham Institute recommended in a report released Thursday

#### **Report Calls for Ohio's Annual School Report Cards to Change – Toledo Blade**

- The Thomas B. Fordham Institute on Thursday released a paper titled "Back to the Basics: A plan to simplify and balance Ohio's school report cards." The report criticizes the measurement tools as being "unnecessarily complex" and contends "the ratings themselves reflect too strongly the backgrounds of students rather than the effectiveness of their schools"

#### **Back to the Basics: A Plan to Simplify and Balance Ohio's School Report Cards – Fordham Institute**

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#### **Charter Schools among the Most Segregated in Ohio – Columbus Dispatch**

- The high concentrations of minorities attending charters isn't by design, said Chad Aldis, vice president for Ohio policy and advocacy for the pro-charter Thomas B. Fordham Institute. Instead, it's a byproduct of parents who are unhappy with their district-school choices

#### **Racial Isolation of Charter Schools at Odds with Goal of Improved Education – Columbus Dispatch/AP**

- Charter schools are among the nation's most segregated, an Associated Press analysis finds — an outcome at odds with their goal of offering a better alternative to failing traditional public schools, critics say

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## ***Federal & US Department of Education***

**Department Issues New Q&A on Free Appropriate Public Education following Supreme Court Decision – USDOE**

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#### **Prepared Remarks from U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to Foundation for Excellence in Education National Summit on Education Reform - USDOE**

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### ***Education Policy & Finance***

#### **Number of American Children in Foster Care Increases for 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year – NPR**

- A new government report says the number of children in the U.S. foster care system has increased for the fourth year in a row, due largely to an uptick in substance abuse by parents

#### **How Effective Is Your School District? A New Measure Shows Where Students Learn the Most – New York Times**

- This picture, and Chicago's place in it, defy how we typically think about wealth and education in America. It's true that children in prosperous districts tend to test well, while children in poorer districts on average score lower. But in this analysis, which measures how scores grow as student cohorts move through school, the Stanford researcher Sean Reardon argues that it's possible to separate some of the advantages of socioeconomic status from what's actually happening in schools

#### **Students' Early Test Scores Do Not Predict Academic Growth Over Time, Stanford Research Finds – Stanford**

- A new analysis of data from all public school districts in the United States indicates that poverty does not determine the quality of a school system

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## ***School Choice***

### **School Voucher Programs Should Be Clear About Disability Rights, Report Says – NPR**

- A new report from the nonpartisan U.S. Government Accountability Office says many of the nation's voucher programs — and the private schools that participate in them — aren't giving parents the information they need to make an informed choice, especially parents of kids with disabilities

### **Private School Choice: Federal Actions Needed to Ensure Parents Are Notified About Changes in Rights for Students with Disabilities - US Government Accountability Office**

- States include different academic, administrative, and financial accountability mechanisms in their voucher and education savings account (ESA) programs—programs that use public funds for private school educational expenses (see figure). Of the 27 programs operating in January 2017, most had academic and administrative accountability mechanisms for participating schools, such as academic testing requirements (18 of 27) or health and safety requirements (25 of 27). In addition, 15 of 27 programs required schools to demonstrate financial soundness and 8 of 27 programs required annual financial audits.

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## ***Personalized Learning Frameworks***

### **7 Approaches to Fund the Transition Personalized, Competency-Based Education – KnowledgeWorks**

- Just as there's no one way to personalize learning, there's no one way to fund personalized learning. Funding streams vary from state-to-state and between communities, as well, but concerns over how to pay for necessary professional development or technologies to support the move to personalized, competency-based education are top of mind for district leaders from coast to coast. Based on our experiences in schools and our work helping districts begin to make their vision for personalized learning a reality, we've isolated seven areas where you might spend differently

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## ***Charter Schools***

### **Racial Isolation of Charter Schools at Odds with Goal of Improved Education – Columbus Dispatch/AP**

- Charter schools are among the nation's most segregated, an Associated Press analysis finds — an outcome at odds with their goal of offering a better alternative to failing traditional public schools, critics say

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## ***Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth***

### **As Districts across the Country Try to Drive Down Absenteeism, New York City Leads the Way – Chalkbeat**

- In recent years, New York City's education department has been paying more attention to chronic absenteeism, which is linked to lower test scores, higher dropout rates, and even a greater risk of entering the criminal justice system. Beyond being a serious risk factor for students, officials see chronic absenteeism as a barometer of a school's ability to create a safe, stimulating space that entices students to attend

### **U.S. Graduation Rate Hits New All-Time High With Gains in All Student Groups – EdWeek**

- The national high school graduation rate has risen to a new all-time high: 84 percent, and the fifth straight year of increases, according to data published by the federal government

### **On Their Way? A Portrait of Young Adults – Brookings**

- A good job providing entry into the middle class increasingly requires a college education, but large numbers of young people in the United States may not reach this level of economic refuge. About 40 percent of all 18 to 24 year-olds are not in school and do not have a college degree, placing them at risk of unemployment or unsteady, low-wage work as they approach adulthood

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## ***School Safety & Discipline***

### **The Academic and Behavioral Consequences of Discipline Policy Reform – Fordham Institute**

- This study examines outcomes in the School District of Philadelphia (SDP), which made dramatic changes to its code of conduct during the 2012–13 school year. Specifically, it instituted a new ban on out-of-school suspensions (OSS) for low-level “conduct” offenses—such as profanity or failure to follow classroom rules—and reduced the length of OSS for more serious infractions



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## ***Mental Health & Wellness***

### **Number of American Children in Foster Care Increases for 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year – NPR**

- A new government report says the number of children in the U.S. foster care system has increased for the fourth year in a row, due largely to an uptick in substance abuse by parents

### **Study Suggests Link between Social Media, Teen Suicide – Columbus Dispatch/AP**

- An increase in suicide rates among U.S. teens occurred at the same time social media use surged, and a new analysis suggests there might be a link

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## ***Social-Emotional Learning***

### **Social and Emotional Learning Interventions Under the Every Student Succeeds Act: Evidence Review – Wallace Foundation/RAND Corporation**

- This RAND analysis offers guidance to states and districts on how they can use funds through ESSA to support Social and Emotional Learning and to identify evidence-based SEL interventions that meet their needs

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### **Four Ways to Build a Good Program for College Credit in High School – EdWeek**

- Programs that offer high school students the chance to earn college credit should be designed with four key principles in mind to ensure high quality, according to a report released

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## ***Postsecondary & Workforce Development***

### **What the Future of Work Will Mean for Jobs, Skills, and Wages – McKinsey**

- In an era marked by rapid advances in automation and artificial intelligence, new research assesses the jobs lost and jobs gained under different scenarios through 2030

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## ***Data***

### **U.S. Agencies Grapple with Student-Data-Privacy Guidance for Schools – EdWeek**

- Two federal agencies are grappling with how to guide schools on protecting students' personal information while using educational technology. That increasingly delicate balancing act was front and center during a discussion Friday convened by the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Trade Commission

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## ***Leadership***

### **State Efforts to Strengthen School Leadership: Insights from CCSSO Action Groups – Wallace Foundation; Policy Studies Associates**

- Improving on-the-job supports for principals was the most common school leadership priority for a large group of states involved in an effort to boost school leadership

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## ***International Benchmarking***

### **Reading Achievement of U.S. Fourth-Grade Students in an International Context – USDOE/IES/NCES**

- The focus of the report is on the performance of U.S. students relative to their peers in other education systems in 2016, and on changes in reading achievement since 2001. For a number of participating education systems, changes in achievement can be documented over the last 15 years, from 2001 to 2016

### **U.S. Fourth-Graders Lag Behind Other Countries in Reading – US News & World Report**

- Reading comprehension among fourth-grade students in the U.S. has flatlined since 2001, allowing education systems in other countries whose students used to perform worse than those in the U.S. to catch up – and even surpass – the U.S. in an international ranking

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# **Ohio Legislation Update**

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

## ***HOUSE***

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is

included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes**

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out**

**HB66**TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB89** AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98** CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Passed by House, Vote 92-0**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another  
**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools



**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions  
**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 95-0**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency  
**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB418** SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB426** SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee**

**HB428** STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB432** STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB438** ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB442** SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) (Passed by House) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate accepts report, Vote 32-0; House accepts report, Vote 88-4**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34** SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36** AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled

in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study

Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities  
**STATUS: Introduced**



**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB239** REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

**STATUS: Introduced**

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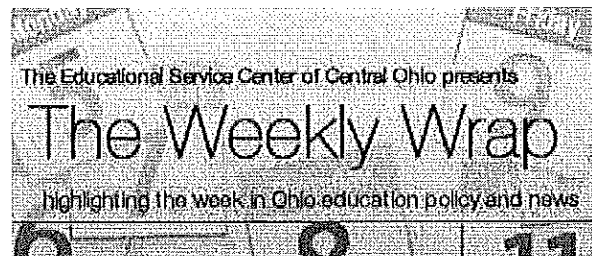
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## OHIO LEGISLATION UPDATE

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# FEATURED ITEMS

## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS TESTINGS CUTS, MAY BACK EXTENSION OF NEW DIPLOMA OPTIONS –**

*At its monthly meeting this week, the State Board of Education voted and approved two resolutions recommending that Ohio eliminate a number of state tests, including the English Language Arts I end-of-course exam, the WorkKeys Job Skills Assessment, and any other assessments developed solely to meet state requirements of teacher evaluations. The Board also discussed graduation requirements for the Class of 2019 and beyond, and appeared to reach consensus on a plan to recommend that the additional graduation options be extended to the Classes of 2019 and 2020, likely with a few changes. The additional graduation options for the Class of 2018 were passed into law as part of the budget bill (HB49). The Board hopes that such a plan would provide time for educators and policymakers to develop a new system of graduation requirements for future classes after 2020.*

### **School Board OKs Testing Cuts, Likely to Back Extension of New Diploma Options to 2020**

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## **OHIO**

### ***Central Ohio Schools***

#### **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

**Several Columbus Educators Apply for School Superintendent – Columbus Dispatch**

- Columbus City Schools has released the names of 19 applicants to be the district's next superintendent

**State Board Committee Approves Waiver for Columbus Africentric School – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education's Educators and Student Options Committee Monday unanimously approved a waiver that would allow a Columbus college-prep school to begin hand-picking a portion of its students, as opposed to a random lottery process

#### **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

**DCS Board Approves 2018-19 Calendar, Change Orders – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 school calendar and a number of change orders at its board meeting Monday night

#### **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

**School District Looks at Ballot to Ease Overcrowding – This Week**

- As Dublin City School District deals with district-wide capacity challenges, the staff is recommending that the district stays the course in considering a November 2018 ballot issue

#### **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Groveport Madison Establishes Athletic Field Maintenance Fund – Columbus Messenger**

- Though the new \$750,000 synthetic turf playing surface at Groveport Madison High School's Cruiser Stadium was installed just last summer, the Groveport Madison Board of Education is planning for the day in the future when it will need to be refurbished

### **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Feeder Schools Simplify Hilliard's Sixth-Grade Attendance Boundaries – This Week**

- New attendance boundaries for Station and Tharp sixth-grade schools are in place for the next school year. The changes are necessary because of the 2018 opening of the new Memorial Middle School adjacent to Bradley High School

### **MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

#### **Schools, City Impasse Stalls Cook's Pointe Roadway – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- The city may have to hold off on building a road between Routes 31 and 4 after Marysville Schools expressed distaste for an update to the Cook's Pointe tax increment financing (TIF) district

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Two Olentangy Principals Resign, Interims Named – Delaware Gazette**

- When the calendar turns the page to 2018, the Olentangy Local School District will be without the services of two of its current principal

### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **After Recount, Baker, Barga Win Seats on BOE, Council 12/0 This Week**

- A recount of votes cast Nov. 7 in two Reynoldsburg races that were too close to call on election night produced no changes in the outcomes

### **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **District Officials Receive Salary Increase – Columbus Messenger**

- At its Dec. 11 meeting, the South-Western City Schools board of education unanimously approved a 2 percent increase in the salaries of Superintendent Dr. Bill Wis and Treasurer Hugh Garside

### **UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **= 2Visionary' Leadership Earns Honor for UA's Imhoff – This Week**

- Upper Arlington schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff has been named 2018 Superintendent of the Year by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators

### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Community Members Helped Outline Facilities Plan – This Week It's Worth It**

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that the work of the community-led task force created for the purpose of master facilities planning for Worthington Schools has concluded

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### ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **Testing, Graduation Debates on Tap for School Board – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education will continue discussions next week on whether and how to intercede for class of 2019 students at risk of not graduating on time, and could recommend cuts to state testing after months of debate

### **School Board Discusses Ways ESSA Plan Could Change Report Card – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education's Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee discussed Monday possible changes to two sections of Ohio's report cards for local schools, one of which could show up on report cards for the current year, the other up for long-term discussions and contingent on federal approval of Ohio's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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**State Report Cards Need to Be Re-Examined, Says State School Board Member Lisa Woods – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- State school board member Lisa Woods wants the state to re-examine and overhaul its report cards for schools and districts, calling them too complicated and not useful for schools or families

**State Launches Early Learning Portal – Hannah**

- Ohio debuted a new online resource this week for parents and teachers of preschool-age children to help support early learning and literacy development. Most of the materials available at the INFOhio Early Learning portal are free, with a few requiring a "minimal" fee

**McKinney-Vento Guidance for Homeless Students Updated – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education updated McKinney-Vento Guidance for homeless student liaisons to uphold rights and ensure educational stability for these students. The guidance provides clarification that will help districts navigate the McKinney-Vento law. It includes suggestions for district support systems for students who are homeless

**Model Policy Can Help Align Local Policies with HB410 Requirements – ODE**

- In June, the State Board of Education adopted a model policy for violent, disruptive or inappropriate student behavior, including excessive absences. It stresses prevention strategies and alternatives to suspension or expulsion. Districts can adopt all or parts of the model policy according to their needs. They also may use the model policy when updating their local policies to align with House Bill 410 requirements

**Special Education Profile Public Summary – ODE**

- 2016-2017 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFILE (Based on 2015-2016 data)



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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **'Tsunami' of Job Disruption Coming, Kasich, Alphabet Chairman Warn – Columbus Dispatch**

- Kasich again called for a “complete re-do” of kindergarten through 12th-grade education and higher education, saying both must more closely work with business leaders to align what they teach with the skills students will need to prosper in the jobs of the future

### **Kasich Urges Workforce Board to Reach Out to Schools on Job-Readiness Skills – Columbus Dispatch**

- Kasich on Tuesday urged the board to continue its efforts to bring about the changes needed to ensure students can thrive in a rapidly-changing workplace where technology threatens to wipe out many jobs

### **Ohio Report Card Reviews Say Make Them Simpler – State Impact Ohio**

- Two national education advocacy and research groups say Ohio’s school report cards need to be simplified so that parents can more easily use the information they hold

### **New State Attendance Law Could Be Trouble for Sick Students – Canton Repository**

- Under House Bill 410, which took effect in April, public school students in Ohio cannot miss more than 38 hours (roughly six days) of school in a single month or 65 hours (roughly 10 days) in a year — even if they have a valid doctor’s excuse. If they do miss that much school, they will be labeled excessively absent

### **Lack of Access to Broadband Affects Personal, Health, Education, Economic Aspects of Life – Hannah**

- Five witnesses appeared before the House Finance Committee Tuesday morning on HB378 (R. Smith-Cera), which would create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program, appropriating \$50 million a year for two years

### **House Finishes Work for Year with Action on 16 Bills – Hannah**

- House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) outlined some of his priorities in the new year, including addressing the opioid epidemic and helping those affected who may not have gotten the attention they need, and congressional redistricting. He said unemployment compensation reform also remains a priority, but they have not moved it as Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) continues to work on tweaks to his HB382 and listens to concerns from labor and the business community

### **Senate Passes 'Christmas Tree' Bill – Hannah**

- Obhof said he expects a congressional redistricting resolution to be introduced in early January and to be passed by the end of the month with bipartisan support

### **Educators Slam KRA Mandates at Deregulation Bill Hearing – Hannah**

- Several kindergarten teachers and school administrators blasted the state requirement to administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) on Wednesday, telling the Senate Education Committee it's a waste of time and hampers their ability to effectively teach children

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## ***Ohio Schools***

### **Ohio Schools Dish Out Suspensions, Other Discipline at Wildly Different Rates – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- School and school districts in Ohio suspend and discipline students at wildly different rates, a Plain Dealer review of statewide discipline data shows, with some taking action five, ten or even more than 20 times as much as the state average

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## ***Ohio Local Government***

### **Auditor: Local Governments Feeling Greater Fiscal Stress – Columbus Dispatch**

- The finances of Ohio's city and county governments are becoming increasingly wobbly, according to a report issued Tuesday by state Auditor Dave Yost

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## ***Ohio Reports***

### **State Teacher Policy Yearbook 2017 – National Council on Teacher Quality**

- NCTQ's bi-annual 2017 State Teacher Policy Yearbook grades states on how well their programs and policies raise the quality of the teachers in their schools. The 2017 Yearbook evaluates states against nine policy areas, with this year's edition including, for the first time, information to reflect teacher diversity initiatives, principal evaluation and support systems, and state support for teacher leadership opportunities. For all 50 states and the District of Columbia, NCTQ produces a customized summary that provides state policy strengths and opportunities for improvement
- See the Ohio summary [here](#)

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# **NATIONAL/WORLD**

## ***Federal & US Department of Education***

### **A Commentary by Betsy DeVos: 'Tolerating Low Expectations for Children With Disabilities Must End' – EdWeek Commentary**

### **Federal Government Switches Sides, Joins Argument for Striking Down Mandatory Dues in Janus Case – The 74**

- The Trump administration has weighed in against continuing mandatory union dues for public workers, a shift in the federal government's position ahead of upcoming Supreme Court arguments in the much-watched Janus case

### **Trump Taps Ex-Florida Chief, Lt. Governor for Top K-12 Post under DeVos – EdWeek**

- President Donald Trump has tapped Frank Brogan, who served as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's lieutenant governor, as assistant secretary of elementary and secondary education, the top post at the Education Department overseeing K-12 policy

### **FCC Dismantles 'Net Neutrality' Policy, and K-12 Schools Await Impact – EdWeek**

- The Federal Communications Commission voted today to dismantle a policy designed to protect "net neutrality," in a dramatic shift that has roiled the public and carries uncertain implications for schools

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## ***Education Policy & Finance***

### **Planning for Progress: States Reflect on Year One Implementation of ESSA – Center on Education Policy**

- Based on a fall 2017 survey of officials from 45 state education agencies, this report highlights early state efforts to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act. The report highlights states' views on ESSA's shift in control from the federal government to states and school districts regarding accountability and school improvement activities; stakeholder involvement in state plan development; state capacity to implement ESSA requirements; and the U.S. Department of Education's assistance in implementing ESSA. The report also addresses the impact of the proposed elimination of Title II-A funding, and support among states for a federal private school voucher program using ESSA funds

### **Many State ESSA Plans Are 'Uncreative, Unambitious,' Analysis Finds – EdWeek**

- The two-year-old Every Student Succeeds Act was supposed to free states up to go off in bold, new directions on K-12 policy. So did state plans—all of which have been turned into the U.S. Department of Education—live up to that promise?

### **Layoffs Will Hurt ESSA Implementation, State Education Leaders Say – EdWeek**

- State education chiefs say in a recently released survey that their departments lack sufficient funding, staffing or expertise to carry out one or more key requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act

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## ***Teacher Effectiveness***

### **Making Teacher Recertification Meaningful – EdWeek Special Report**

- This special report takes a hard look at recertification, posing questions about how it could be strengthened to support teachers better. The stories include an overview of the diverse provider landscape, perspective pieces by current and former teachers, and profiles of states thinking about how to innovate their license-renewal systems

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## ***Digital Convergence***

### **AI Accelerates in K12 – District Administration**

- Until recently, the quality of classroom instruction relied almost entirely on a teacher's resourcefulness, motivation and intelligence. Soon, it will also depend on artificial intelligence—with lessons based more on what students need to learn than on traditional methods of instruction

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## ***Tech Infrastructure***

### **Why, and How, Warranties Should Guide EdTech Purchasing – eSchool News**

- Determining the best bulk edtech purchases for long-term school use should start with warranties

#### **40 Most Popular Ed-Tech Tools in K-12 Identified in New Analysis – EdWeek**

- The study—conducted by Lea(r)n Inc., a company that operates a management system that organizes, streamlines, and analyzes ed-tech utilization—found that the top three tech products accessed in schools via Google’s Chrome browser are Google Docs, YouTube, and Google Drive

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### ***School Improvement***

#### **State Role in Incubating School Improvement Networks – NASBE**

- States, districts, and schools across the country are forming “networked improvement communities” to address problems of practice, make changes based on data, and make connections across schools. These networks build capacity to improve schools, ensure effective change processes are in place, and make it possible to bring innovations to scale. A new NASBE policy update explores how statewide networked improvement communities work and how state boards of education can nurture them

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### ***Diversity, Equity & Inclusion***

#### **Study: Black, Latino Preservice Teachers Demonstrate More Multicultural Awareness – Education Dive**

- Districts looking to hire teachers who have the skills to work with an increasingly diverse student population might want to begin recruiting young people working in summer camps, after-school programs and other

community organizations that serve black, Latino and other minority children, a new study published in the Journal of Teacher Education suggests

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## ***Early Learning***

### **Does Preschool Pay Off? Tulsa Says Yes – NPR**

- In a new report published in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management today, researchers were able to show that Tulsa's pre-K program has significant, positive effects on students' outcomes and well-being through middle school

### **Primetime for Coaching: Improving Instructional Coaching in Early Childhood Education – Bellwether Education Partners**

- The report seeks to help policymakers and practitioners alike make informed decisions about coaching programs and policies. This report dives deep into the research, policies, and practices around coaching in early childhood today, and uncovers successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. Coaching is still evolving, and ECE practitioners and policymakers should understand different trends, goals, and frameworks for coaching so they can make informed choices

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## ***Postsecondary & Workforce Development***

### **Building Cities by Degrees – MDRC**

- This case study examines the efforts of six of the top cities in the competition (Akron; Columbia, South Carolina; Omaha, Nebraska; Orlando, Florida; Portland, Oregon; and Richmond, Virginia) in an effort to build a set of hypotheses around the activities that may have helped these cities increase degree attainment. In examining the efforts of multiple institutions to raise graduation rates within their city, this study departs from higher education research that tends to focus on individual colleges

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## ***Leadership***

### **Logic Models for Selecting, Designing, and Implementing Evidence-Based School Leadership Interventions – Wallace Foundation/RAND**

- This companion guide to a review of school leadership activities that have the evidence to qualify them for funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act walks users through how to create logic models mandated by the law

**School Leadership Interventions Under the Every Student Succeeds Act: Evidence Review, Updated and Expanded – Wallace Foundation/RAND**

- This RAND analysis offers guidance to states and districts on how they can choose to use the Every Student Succeeds Act to help achieve their school improvement goals by supporting principals and other school leaders

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## Ohio Legislation Update

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

### ***HOUSE***

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**



**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments  
**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 94-0**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database  
**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate has voted to override several vetoes**

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting  
**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out**

**HB66**TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester  
**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 86-8**

**HB69**LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0; House concurs, Vote 85-7**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers  
**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB89**AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes  
**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98**CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory  
**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects  
**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week  
**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)  
With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 31-0; House concurs, Vote 85-8**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette)  
To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate  
**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act  
**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments  
**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook  
**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees  
**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Bill amended**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB418** SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**



**HB426** SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee**

**HB428** STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB432** STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB438** ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB442** SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB443** MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB449** CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

**STATUS: Introduced**

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**SENATE**

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) (Passed by House) Conference Committee – Reported out; Senate accepts report, Vote 32-0; House accepts report, Vote 88-4**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34** SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36**AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision

commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and

2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB239** REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

**STATUS: Introduced**


**SB240** REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB241 ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY** (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools  
**STATUS: Introduced**

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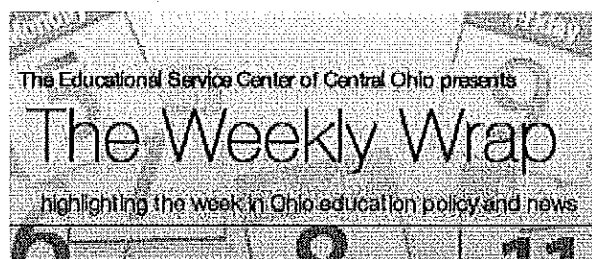
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## FEATURED ITEMS

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDS TESTINGS CUTS, MAY BACK EXTENSION OF NEW DIPLOMA OPTIONS –**

*At its monthly meeting this week, the State Board of Education voted and approved two resolutions recommending that Ohio eliminate a number of state tests, including the English Language Arts I end-of-course exam, the WorkKeys Job Skills Assessment, and any other assessments developed solely to meet state requirements of teacher evaluations. The Board also discussed graduation requirements for the Class of 2019 and beyond, and appeared to reach consensus on a plan to recommend that the additional graduation options be extended to the Classes of 2019 and 2020, likely with a few changes. The additional graduation options for the Class of 2018 were passed into law as part of the budget bill (HB49). The Board hopes that such a plan would provide time for educators and policymakers to develop a new system of graduation requirements for future classes after 2020.*

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- Leadership and members of the State Board of Education appeared to reach consensus Tuesday on a plan to recommend the classes of 2019 and 2020 be allowed to use the additional options for high school graduation created for the class of 2018, though a few tweaks are possible. But many on the board expressed hope for ultimately moving to a much different system of determining how students qualify for a diploma

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## **OHIO**

### ***Central Ohio Schools***

#### **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

**Several Columbus Educators Apply for School Superintendent – Columbus Dispatch**

- Columbus City Schools has released the names of 19 applicants to be the district's next superintendent

**State Board Committee Approves Waiver for Columbus Africentric School – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education's Educators and Student Options Committee Monday unanimously approved a waiver that would allow a Columbus college-prep school to begin hand-picking a portion of its students, as opposed to a random lottery process

#### **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

**DCS Board Approves 2018-19 Calendar, Change Orders – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 school calendar and a number of change orders at its board meeting Monday night

#### **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

**School District Looks at Ballot to Ease Overcrowding – This Week**

- As Dublin City School District deals with district-wide capacity challenges, the staff is recommending that the district stays the course in considering a November 2018 ballot issue

#### **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Groveport Madison Establishes Athletic Field Maintenance Fund – Columbus Messenger**

- Though the new \$750,000 synthetic turf playing surface at Groveport Madison High School's Cruiser Stadium was installed just last summer, the Groveport Madison Board of Education is planning for the day in the future when it will need to be refurbished

### **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Feeder Schools Simplify Hilliard's Sixth-Grade Attendance Boundaries – This Week**

- New attendance boundaries for Station and Tharp sixth-grade schools are in place for the next school year. The changes are necessary because of the 2018 opening of the new Memorial Middle School adjacent to Bradley High School

### **MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

#### **Schools, City Impasse Stalls Cook's Pointe Roadway – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- The city may have to hold off on building a road between Routes 31 and 4 after Marysville Schools expressed distaste for an update to the Cook's Pointe tax increment financing (TIF) district

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Two Olentangy Principals Resign, Interims Named – Delaware Gazette**

- When the calendar turns the page to 2018, the Olentangy Local School District will be without the services of two of its current principal

### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **After Recount, Baker, Barga Win Seats on BOE, Council 5/0 This Week**

- A recount of votes cast Nov. 7 in two Reynoldsburg races that were too close to call on election night produced no changes in the outcomes

### **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **District Officials Receive Salary Increase – Columbus Messenger**

- At its Dec. 11 meeting, the South-Western City Schools board of education unanimously approved a 2 percent increase in the salaries of Superintendent Dr. Bill Wis and Treasurer Hugh Garside

### **UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **= 2Visionary' Leadership Earns Honor for UA's Imhoff – This Week**

- Upper Arlington schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff has been named 2018 Superintendent of the Year by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators

### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Community Members Helped Outline Facilities Plan – This Week It's Worth It**

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that the work of the community-led task force created for the purpose of master facilities planning for Worthington Schools has concluded

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### ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **Testing, Graduation Debates on Tap for School Board – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education will continue discussions next week on whether and how to intercede for class of 2019 students at risk of not graduating on time, and could recommend cuts to state testing after months of debate

### **School Board Discusses Ways ESSA Plan Could Change Report Card – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education's Accountability and Continuous Improvement Committee discussed Monday possible changes to two sections of Ohio's report cards for local schools, one of which could show up on report cards for the current year, the other up for long-term discussions and contingent on federal approval of Ohio's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

### **School Board Could Ease Standard Poised to Push Colleges Out of Diploma Program – Hannah**

- The State Board of Education appears likely to grant more leniency to providers in the 22+ Adult Diploma Program after hearing last month from the organization that runs programs at a few community colleges about the program's first-year struggles

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**State Report Cards Need to Be Re-Examined, Says State School Board Member Lisa Woods – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- State school board member Lisa Woods wants the state to re-examine and overhaul its report cards for schools and districts, calling them too complicated and not useful for schools or families

**State Launches Early Learning Portal – Hannah**

- Ohio debuted a new online resource this week for parents and teachers of preschool-age children to help support early learning and literacy development. Most of the materials available at the INFOhio Early Learning portal are free, with a few requiring a "minimal" fee

**McKinney-Vento Guidance for Homeless Students Updated – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education updated McKinney-Vento Guidance for homeless student liaisons to uphold rights and ensure educational stability for these students. The guidance provides clarification that will help districts navigate the McKinney-Vento law. It includes suggestions for district support systems for students who are homeless

**Model Policy Can Help Align Local Policies with HB410 Requirements – ODE**

- In June, the State Board of Education adopted a model policy for violent, disruptive or inappropriate student behavior, including excessive absences. It stresses prevention strategies and alternatives to suspension or expulsion. Districts can adopt all or parts of the model policy according to their needs. They also may use the model policy when updating their local policies to align with House Bill 410 requirements

**Special Education Profile Public Summary – ODE**

- 2016-2017 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFILE (Based on 2015-2016 data)

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **'Tsunami' of Job Disruption Coming, Kasich, Alphabet Chairman Warn – Columbus Dispatch**

- Kasich again called for a “complete re-do” of kindergarten through 12th-grade education and higher education, saying both must more closely work with business leaders to align what they teach with the skills students will need to prosper in the jobs of the future

### **Kasich Urges Workforce Board to Reach Out to Schools on Job-Readiness Skills – Columbus Dispatch**

- Kasich on Tuesday urged the board to continue its efforts to bring about the changes needed to ensure students can thrive in a rapidly-changing workplace where technology threatens to wipe out many jobs

### **Ohio Report Card Reviews Say Make Them Simpler – State Impact Ohio**

- Two national education advocacy and research groups say Ohio’s school report cards need to be simplified so that parents can more easily use the information they hold

### **New State Attendance Law Could Be Trouble for Sick Students – Canton Repository**

- Under House Bill 410, which took effect in April, public school students in Ohio cannot miss more than 38 hours (roughly six days) of school in a single month or 65 hours (roughly 10 days) in a year — even if they have a valid doctor’s excuse. If they do miss that much school, they will be labeled excessively absent

### **Lack of Access to Broadband Affects Personal, Health, Education, Economic Aspects of Life – Hannah**

- Five witnesses appeared before the House Finance Committee Tuesday morning on HB378 (R. Smith-Cera), which would create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program, appropriating \$50 million a year for two years

### **House Finishes Work for Year with Action on 16 Bills – Hannah**

- House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) outlined some of his priorities in the new year, including addressing the opioid epidemic and helping those affected who may not have gotten the attention they need, and congressional redistricting. He said unemployment compensation reform also remains a priority, but they have not moved it as Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) continues to work on tweaks to his HB382 and listens to concerns from labor and the business community